and odd hours, curfew is being imposed in the border areas of Punjab with Pakistan whenever felt necessary. Close co-ordination is also being maintained between all the agencies concerned with the detection and prevention of smuggling such Border Security Force, Customs and Directorate of Revenue Intelligence.

Tea Plantations in Dehradun

6084. SHRI BHUWAN CHANDRA KHANDURI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the production of tea in Dehradun has adversely been affected due to various factors;

(b) if so, the steps proposed to to be taken by the Government to preserve these tea gardens;

(c) whether the Government are also aware of the suitability of the ladder shaped fields in Garhwal region for production and development of tea plantation; and

(d) if so, the measures Government have taken or propose to take to promote tea plantation in that region?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) According to a Techno-Economic Survey of the Doon Valley tea industry undertaken by the Tea Board in 1989, the factors contributing to decline in tea production in Dehradun include Conversion of tea area into residential plots, lack of interest for development by tea garden owners, acquisition/requisition of land by various authorities, fragmentation of holdings change of weather conditions owing to massive deforestation and lack of irrigation facilities.

(b) According to the surveys carried out in the past the scope of extending tea plantations in Doon Valley is limited. Emphasis, is, however, being given for replantation and rejuvenation of low yielding tea areas in the existing tea estates. Tea Board has set up a tea nursery in one of the working tea estates in Dehradun.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Crisis in Spinning Mills in Orissa

6085. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of the spinning mills in Orissa are facing crises and some of them are on the verge of closure;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to make them viable; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d). Government have taken a number of measures to revive the mills such as creation of a Nodal Agency/Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction to evolve and manage Rehabilitation package for viable mills, setting up of Textile Modernisation Fund to meet the modernisation requirements of the textile mills.